



Special Area Newsletter

September 2017



Art

During the month of September the students will experience a lot of “firsts” in the Art room. Kindergarten students will work with liquid watercolor paint for the first time and then both grade levels will work on our first collaborative project. There is a book called, “If Dinosaurs Came Back” that has inspired this collaborative idea. The kindergarten students will create watercolor dinosaurs and the first graders will paint the cityscape backgrounds. They will also be using watercolor paint. These pieces should turn out beautiful and we can’t wait to see the results. Other books we’ll work with this month include some favorites of ours called “Beautiful Oops” by Barney Saltzberg and just in time for International Dot Day on September 15th, we’ll learn about author and artist Peter H. Reynolds and read his books called, “The Dot” and “Ish”. We’ll use these stories to inspire our first caterpillar projects for both grade levels. These too, are student’s favorites!

Best wishes, Mrs. Broaderick and Mrs. Sanchez

Physical Education

Greetings from the Physical Education Department! August was such a fun month during our Building a Foundation Unit. Students learned and practiced loco motor movements, directions, pathways, tempos, and levels within the space that they play. September brings the Fitness Challenge in which every student will be pre-tested in the five components of fitness, sit-ups, military push-ups, ¼ mile run, sit and reach, and shuttle run. Following the Fitness Unit will be our Manipulative Unit in which students learn how to manipulate items such as hoops, scarves, ribbons, and bean bags.

Thanks, Coach Carmichael, Coach Connor,
and Coach Hicks

Music

Both Kindergarten and 1st grade will be finishing up their unit on Beat/Steady Beat. We have also been working on our song “Superhero” for the Reading Kick off celebration on Friday, Sept 22nd.

Kindergarten will begin working a new unit on our Four Voices in Quavermusic.com. First grade will be working Rhythm and combine what we learned during our beat unit.

Ms. Fraser and Mr. Lehnowsky

Spanish

“¡Hola!” “¿Cómo estás?” “Muy bien, gracias.” “¿Cómo te llamas tú?” “Yo me llamo...” Those are the words you will hear our kindergarten and first graders using lately as we practice greetings. Pepe the Clown has had so much fun making us laugh as we learn. We have also been reviewing and learning numbers and colors in Spanish.

Kindergarten will begin units on family and friends.

First grade will begin learning about the Spanish calendar. If you haven’t already, be sure to check out my website. You can find more information there as well as vocabulary and extra practice. It is a joy teaching your child!

♥ Señora Barker & Señora Melendez

